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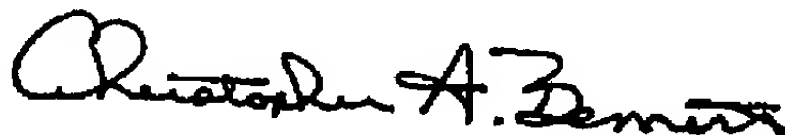
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Examiner Easthorn,

Please find attached hereto the following documents for the above-identified application:

- 1) Amendment after Final Rejection;
- 2) Petition for ONE-Month Extension of Time;
- 3) Credit Card Form PTO-2038 in the amount of \$110.00;
- 4) Notice of Appeal; and
- 5) Credit Card Form PTO-2038 in the amount of \$330.00.

Respectfully submitted,



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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
GROUP ART UNIT 2832**

**PATENT
36856.394**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Masashi MORIKAMI	Art Unit: 2832
Serial No.: 09/708,817	
Filed: November 8, 2000	Examiner: K. Easthorn
Title: VARIABLE RESISTOR	

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 8, 2003, the period for response to which has been extended to December 8, 2003, by the accompanying Petition for a ONE-month Extension of Time, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

- ☐ **Amendments to the Specification** begin on page of this paper.
- ☒ **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.
- ☐ **Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet. An **Appendix** including the amended drawing figures is attached following page of this paper.
- ☒ **Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.

Please note, if a box is not checked, then no corresponding amendment is being made.